

Federal Communications Commission Commission Secretary, Ms. Marlene H Dortch 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW CY-B402 Washington, DC 20554 RE: Proceeding 03-16

January 27, 2003

Dear Ms. Dortch,

At its September 18, 2002 Board of Director's meeting, the Greater Port Huron (Michigan) Chamber of Commerce unanimously voted to recommend that the Michigan Public Service Commission and Federal Communications Commission approve SBC's application to offer long distance services in Michigan. As a business organization, the Chamber is confident that a fully competitive telecommunications market will benefit our members. Based on our understanding of the benefits of increased competition in other states where such long distance approval has been granted, it is clear that business and residential customers benefit from the increased savings and choice of providers.

In addition, I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge SBC for all its efforts in our community. SBC is not only a major employer in our community, but a major supporter, whether through corporate contributions or employee involvement. SBC has a reputation for making significant contributions to the Port Huron area. We hope that our endorsement contributes to the continued success of SBC, positioning it to remain one of Port Huron's outstanding corporate citizens.

Sincerely,

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